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Solar Energy Projects at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently directed civil aviation authority for generating additional solar energy at airports and has asked the airports to transmit surplus powers to power grids after meeting their own requirements;

(b) if so, whether it has been decided to provide solar energy generated at airports to cities, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of projects with their established capacity, sanctioned at various airports in the country along with Ranchi, airport-wise;

(d) whether there is a great delay taking place in the process of establishment of solar plants at these airports and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to resolve their problems?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): In line with the Government"s new initiative, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has set up Solar Power Plants at various locations/airports, mostly for its internal consumption, based on the capacity permissible under Net-Metering policy of States. AAI has completed installation of solar power plants at 26 airports/locations with a total of capacity of 12353 KWp.
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(c):Airport/location-wise details of the establishment capacity are Annexed. 250 KWp Solar Plant is installed at Ranchi Airport.;

(d) & (e): No Madam. However delay in setting up the solar power plant, if any, is mainly attributed to various clearances/NOC from the Regulatory Authorities for utilizing land in the operational area of the airport, permission from DISCOM for grid connectivity and non-extension of Net-Metering facility for the Ground Mounted Solar Power Plants at Airports, etc. AAI have already taken up the matter regarding setting up the Ground Mounted Solar Power Plants with Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.